

Better Find A Room If You Plan To Attend Centenary Exhibition

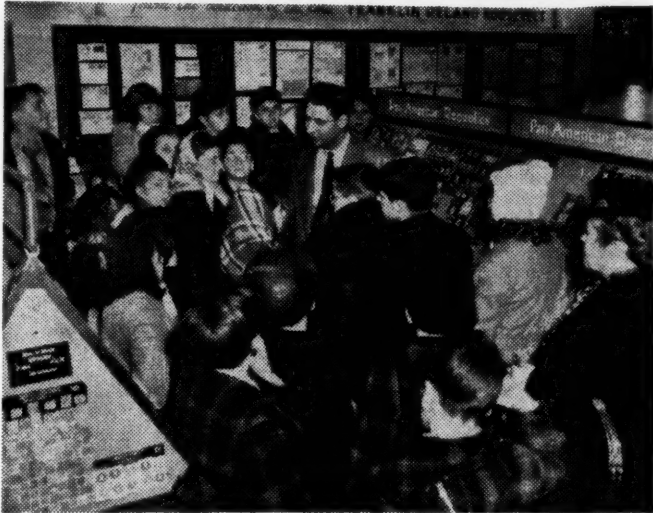
On January 14th we wrote the Hotel Lexington in New York requesting reservations for the dates of the Centenary Philatelic Exhibition, May 16th to 25th. We wrote the Lexington because it is directly across the street from the Grand Central Palace and would naturally be the most desired location for anyone attending the show.

Promptly on January 17, the Resident Manager of the hotel replied with a very courteous letter expressing their inability to take care of more transient guests, stating that they felt obligated to confine their acceptance of reservations to their regular weekly and semi-weekly guests of long standing.

The Resident Manager further says, "In normal times we would be happy to accommodate you, and, frankly, we would like to see those days return, however, the present difficulty faces us and we are forced to refuse desirable patronage while these difficult times exist."

This situation is prevalent throughout all New York. When there last spring, we were fortunate in having a room in one hotel for two full weeks, through the efforts of a friend who was acquainted. At the same time, we were told that others in the hotel were refused over five day reservations, so you who plan to go to New York in May had best begin at once to search for the accommodations that you want,

Minkus Entertains Youthful Philatelists



Twenty-two eager stamp enthusiasts from the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades of Public School 11 in Staten Island were entertained yesterday in Gimbels Stamp Department by Jacques Minkus, Stamp Department head. Mr. Ben Blumenthal, assistant to Mr. Minkus, talked to the members of the P. S. 11 Stamp Club about the Franklin Delano Roosevelt collection on display in the department, and Mr. Minkus presented each one with a stamp souvenir.

Among the twenty-two student-collectors were several who receive stamps regularly from their families in Italy. This puts them one jump ahead of others who go about their stamp collecting in the more usual manner. However, Mrs. A. J. Torey, their teacher, commented that no matter what method they use, stamp collecting gives her students an added interest in school work, and it motivates extra-hard studying of geography and history.

else some of you may be sadly disappointed at a later date.

We note in the prospectus of the Exhibition that attendants are urged to make their own reservations direct. We believe this is a wrong procedure and may cause many to write numerous letters seeking reservations and some to give up in despair. Certainly, some member of the committee should have had the task of trying to make these reservations for prospective attendants, as they are in New York and on the job and could keep in touch with all hotels in a very easy manner.

Lee Chadwick To Visit New York In Interest Of Mint Sheet Brokerage

Mr. Lee H. Chadwick, formerly advertising manager of Linn's Weekly Stamp News, but since January 15th associated with the Mint Sheet Brokerage Company of Sidney, will visit New York City on February 12th and 13th at the Plymouth Hotel.

Mr. Chadwick will have with him some of the outstanding items now being offered in the

ADOLPHE MENJOU PLUGS STAMP COLLECTING

On Saturday evening, January 20, Adolphe Menjou was the star performer in the Radio Play, "Angels With Amnesia" as produced by the manufacturers of "Sippy Peanut Butter". The performance, as are most of such performances, was a delightful one covering a period of 30 minutes on the Radio.

Following the performance, the producer held a brief interview with Mr. Menjou and among questions asked him was one inquiring as to his hobbies, if any. Mr. Menjou proudly replied that he was a philatelist, and expressed pleasure from pursuit of his hobby.

Joe Rasdale Of Elsie, Mich., Pays \$650 For Imperf. Block \$ Prexies

At the Hi-Hat Auction of the Stamp Ade Company held before a gathering of 150 stamp collectors on Friday Night, January 24, in the Hollenden Hotel, Cleveland, preceding the two day show and bourse of the Cleveland Stamp Club, Joe Rasdale, well known Elsie, Michigan Stamp Dealer, paid \$650.00 for the first block to be sold from the sheet of 100 part perf One Dollar Presidential stamps recently found in Cleveland and purchased by Nelson P. LaGanke of the Stamp Ade Company.

Provided no more of these stamps are found part perf, this price will prove to be an extremely big bargain for Rasdale for the stamp should eventually become as good as the famous 24c airmail invert. It will be in-

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Printed And Handstamped Cancellations On United States Revenue Stamps

by Geo. W. Linn

There is probably no field for study and research in United States stamp issues that holds forth more opportunity for real finds and for fascination and interest and which has been less worked and studied than are the printed and handstamped cancellations on United States Revenue stamps, especially the first civil war issues.

Naturally, the printed cancellations are far the more desirable and less frequently found, so are the more choice of the two varieties. However there are many instances where one might have considerable difficulty in making certain whether a cancel was a printed one or a handstamp. There are many instances however where there is no question as to the type of cancel.

I am picturing here, in actual size a rough drawing of one of the most interesting and unusual cancellations of the Printed or handstamped type that it has ever been my pleasure to see. I am uncertain as to the type of cancel this is. Some things about it lead me to believe it to be a printed cancel, while other things about



it lead me to believe otherwise, but the weight of evidence seems to lean toward the printed rather than the handstamp.

The cancel speaks for itself, it comes on a 1c Proprietary of the first perforated issue of the Civil War period. I have never seen any other cancel so elaborate and so interesting from the standpoint of handstamp or printed

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cancellations, but some such may exist. This one is illustrated because it is such an outstanding example, many others are available, but nothing that even approaches this in any manner.

A collection of Revenues, based on printed and handstamp cancellations alone, will give one a very big field for search and study. If you have opportunity to inspect dealers stocks at shows or over the counter you will frequently find such material, often it is priced at no more than pen cancellations because frequently there are dealers who do not realize the difference in value and therefore one can sometimes pick up such varieties at a fraction of their true worth, for most of such cancellations are worth from 25 to 100% more than pen cancellations and in the case of a variety such as the one we have illustrated, the difference in value is easily several hundred percent.

Later issues of revenues are prolific with printed cancellations and handstamps, especially the Proprietary issue of 1871 and 1875. When it comes to the 1898 Battleships, the field then becomes very large and a most interesting one to follow for many varieties, differing only in date are to be found. In this latter issue I would recommend inclusion of printed cancellations only since handstamping was the usual custom and pen cancellations are almost out of order on the proprietary issues. On the other hand, printed cancellations on the Documentaries are unusual and scarce on almost all values other than the 1c value.

If you want a field that still has plenty of room for real finds and one that will give you endless hours of real interest, go after the printed and handstamped cancellations on the revenues of the Civil War period and printed cancellations on the 1898 battleships.

New Air Mail Flights Cachels Are Offered

The Post Office Department announced today that air mail service will be inaugurated on or about February 15 at Midland-Odessa, Texas, as an intermediate point on route AM-4; and on new extensions of route AM-64 between Houston and Dallas via Bryan, Temple and Waco, Texas; and between Dallas and Midland-Odessa via Fort Worth, Mineral Wells, Ranger-Eastland-Cisco, Abilene, Sweetwater and Big Spring, Texas. Service will also be inaugurated at Plainview, Texas, as an intermediate point on the original route AM-64, and at Lamesa, Texas, as an intermediate point on an alternate routing of original route AM-64.

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Stamp Seller Gets 4 Years For Fraud

The nation's wholesale stamp dealers have another four-year respite from the operations of James Franklin Johnson, 3536 St. Aubin avenue, Detroit, Mich. Federal Judge Arthur F. Lederle sentenced Johnson to four years in jail Thursday for using the mails to defraud.

Johnson, who has already served 8 years in Federal prisons since 1927 for the same racket, used several forms of letterheads to order stamps on approval, according to United States Attorney Kenneth W. Smith.

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To spend his advertising dollars wisely and well, he must know several things about the various stamp publications in which he is solicited to print advertisements.

Few stamp dealers have ever had any experience in advertising. We know this from the type of copy that comes from most of them, while on the other hand we receive copy from some that shows that they give their copy serious study before sending it to us for publication. Too often we get copy that indicates from its preparation that the dealer has simply grabbed a slip of paper of most any kind hurriedly jotted down a list of stamps with prices and sends it in for publication. Often we get letters the next day referring to the copy and asking to check if such and such stamps were included and was the price \$000 or what was it, it should have been \$0000. We also get complaints at frequent intervals about incorrect prices on some stamps and a comparison with the copy shows in most instances that the printed prices were as copy.

Preparation of advertising copy should be done with the utmost care and with careful study as to head lines and listings.

Too many stamp dealers do not know the first fundamentals of selecting an advertising medium. Many will look over the various magazine and decide that this or that looks nice, so we will try an advertisement in it. Others place copy without any thought as to comparative cost among different publications.

One of the first questions experienced advertising men ask is "what is your circulation?", then "what is your rate per inch?". Having these two questions answered it is a simple matter to find the real cost, for real cost is based on the rate per inch per 1000 circulation and not merely on the rate per inch. It should be obvious to any stamp dealer that if he can reach 20,000 collectors at a cost of only 15c per inch, for each of the one thousand figures in the circulation, that the space is costing him far less than if he pays 45c per inch for the space in a magazine where the cost per 1000 is 45c per inch per 1000.

It is a simple matter to get these figures. You need only take the circulation figure of the paper in mind and divide it into their rate per inch.

Now that we have got this far, let me call your attention to an article by Clarence Swanson in the January 10 issue of Stamp Wholesaler.

We do not believe that Mr. Jackson would have published this article had he taken time to check and analyze the figures given by Mr. Swanson, for they are inaccurate, misleading to inexperienced dealers and unfair to publishers.

Too few dealers know circulation figures of any of the papers and too often circulation claims have been misleading.

Prior to last fall, stamp weeklies were required to print a semi-annual statement as to ownership and such things. But beginning last fall the requirement was changed so that now papers must also print figures stating their average weekly paid circulation over the previous six month period. Thus it is possible that all dealers may see these claims.

We print herewith for your information, the figures as given by Mr. Swanson and opposite them the figures as given in the various publications and these figures are represented as sworn statements. At the same time, we also print a column showing the current transient rate per inch for space in each of the various papers. We print also a column which shows the rate per inch, per 1000 circulation in each of the papers and thus you have the whole picture, an honest picture, provided the circulation figures as sworn to by the various publishers are correct.

| | Swanson Figures | Publisher | Rate | Rate per inch |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|--------|-----------------|
| Stamps | 30,000 | 29,039 | \$7.00 | .24.1 per inch |
| Gossip | 23,000 | 8,067 | 2.50 | .30 per inch |
| Mekeels | 23,000 | 13,500 | 4.00 | .29.63 per inch |
| Western S. C. | 23,000 | 18,114 | 3.00 | .16.56 per inch |
| Linn's Weekly | 23,000 | 20,296 | 3.00 | .14.7 per inch |
| Philately | 20,000 | *7,500 | 5.00 | .66.66 per inch |
| Chambers | 18,000 | 19,423 | 2.25 | .45 per inch |

It should be remembered that the claimed figures of the publishers are stated to be paid circulation. None of the figures of the publishers as shown above should contain any newsstand circulation, but we are inclined to believe in the case of STAMPS that a heavy part of the claimed circulation MAY be newsstands.

It should be noted that Mr. Swanson is far off in many of his figures and he should not do such poor guessing in a matter of this nature.

In the case of Philately, no circulation statement was found by us, presumably because at the time these statements were made, the magazine was less than six months old, in fact only two months old and we believe we are liberal in crediting it with 7500 average paid circulation over those two months.

In the case of Chambers, the figures are far from correct and we can state that we heard from several dealers in different parts of the country, that at the very point in the printed circulation claim in the Chambers paper of October 14, the type was mashed so that the claimed circulation figures were illegible. However,

the copy of the paper we received had the figures as we give them above. Our honest guess as to actual circulation for Chambers is approximately 5000 copies weekly.

On such a basis as this the rate per inch per 1000 in Chambers would read 45c per inch per 1000 as we print them above. If their claim of 19,423 is correct, then their rate per inch would read 11.59 cents per inch.

It is therefore evident from volume of business carried that this publication has no large circulation such as is claimed, else it would carry a very much heavier volume of advertising, because advertising in it would produce much better than it apparently does, as based on general appearance of the publication.

We have tried to clarify a matter that is misleading to all stamp dealers and we believe that such material should be published in the Stamp Wholesaler, where those who depend on this publication may get actual and honest facts.

High class publication generally have their circulation audited by a reputable bureau for such purposes. The least that can be done in the stamp trade would be for the Stamp Wholesaler along with the ASDA, to try in some manner to give an honest picture of stamp paper circulation.

In the above figures you will note that Linn's is the lowest in cost per inch per 1000 circulation. We have maintained this record for some time and that is one of the reasons for our heavy volume of advertising.

We also point out that all rates per inch shown above are transient or one time rates. In the case of all papers except Western Stamp there are heavy reductions allowed for large space. We have been unable to find any schedule of such reductions for WSC, but there may be such.

When it comes to large space, the rate per inch per 1000 in Linn's runs at less than 6½c per inch per 1000 for full page space.

This figure is so far below the cost for equal amounts of space in any other paper, that there is no comparison possible. Such a figure is due entirely to the lower cost of production of a paper of this type and wise stamp dealers are rapidly learning to watch their advertising budget and place copy where it will produce the best results for the money spent.

VOX POP

STAMP MOUNTS

After having read all the recent to do about the various mounts, I decided to examine my stamps as I mount them all in visitray mounts, having done so for a rather lengthy period. The stamps were as fresh as the day they were mounted, gum in perfect condition on all mint stamps. I have used these mounts as protection on all my stamps both mint and used. My reason for doing so is because the stamps are easily handled in the visitray pouchettes, allow breathing space for the stamp and hold the stamp firmly so that they do not bend or crease when the album pages are turned as sometimes happens to ordinarily hinged stamps. I have tried the acetate tubes but found that the stamps had a tendency to slide out of the mounts. The other types of mounts similar to visitrays do not apply themselves to removing the stamp for inspection as readily; as they do not have the removable pouchette and do not allow for sufficient breathing space.

We all know that stamps deprived of air will turn color and that sometimes the gum will spread and stick to the album page. Many collections have been ruined because the albums were put away at the bottom of a pile of books and odds and ends, and so crushed together that there was no air allowed to circulate.

I am a collector and not a dealer so if you use the mounts or not it is no gum off my stamps, but I felt that those complaints could certainly not in all sincerity be directed against visitrays, as the acetate is of the finest quality, as can be attested to by the fact that visitrays were not available for quite a period during the war years because of poor quality materials available which the manufacturer would not use.

Sincerely,

Ned Rosenberg

EDITORS NOTE:—We are very glad to print the above statement since it may prove in some way that destruction of stamps or gum on stamps from the use of various acetate mounts may be wholly due to the method in which albums are kept or stored, rather than to the mount itself. The whole discussion, however should alert the collector who uses mounts of any type to check his stamps from time to time and

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| Australia Mitchell | (3) | .20 |
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WILLIAM WIESNER

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observe if there is any tendency toward damage of the stamps. It can also be said here that the particular mounts which were referred to by Mr. Herst in a recent issue of this paper were the Visi-tray Mounts.

Naturally, we have received letters from stamp dealers who sell mounts of various types, stating that our remarks concerning these various mounts are "biased unfair and entirely out of order."

We personally know that we have had more years of experience with stamps and stamp collecting than people who write us in this vein. It has never been our object to destroy or kill the sale of any of this material, but rather to warn the user of the material that there is a chance for destruction and that it is up to each individual to watch his own stamps and see that such destruction is avoided. We have frankly stated on several occasions that we believe the damage comes more from the method by which the stamps are kept and stored, rather than from the mounts, and that their use with safety to your stamps, is not impossible.

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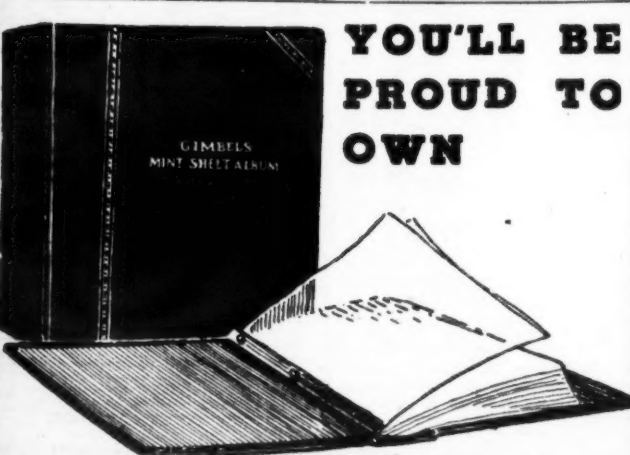
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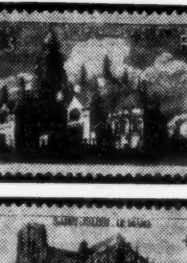
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SWITZERLAND-For the day of the stamp, December 8th, a special card and a special cancellation was used.

URUGUAY-Postage overprints on postal tax. Six values have been overprinted "Correos" in black. Values are 3c green, 10c red-brown, 20c dark green, 50c dull brown, 1P. light blue and 3P. purple.

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For some time I have been engaged in this so-called 'hobby of kings'—stamp collecting and recently have begun acquiring literature on the subject in hopes of bettering my collection.

From time to time I have read articles in both yours and other publications concerning mounting and original gum.

Comparatively speaking I am a new-comer at the game, but I also have a fair knowledge of cellophane, cellulose acetate, and other transparent papers; this being in connection with safeguarding pieces of art work, my profession being that of an artist, as you can gather.

In my business it has come to light that the best protective is an acetate under the trade name of "Protectoid"—but don't let the name fool you! It's only good so far as fingermarks are concerned. We have found through tests that papers kept under its face are caused to shrink, stretch, ripple, and crack seemingly all at the same time and have therefore maintained its use only as a temporary measure. This knowledge has led me to toss out any and all so-called protective crystal mounts (no reference to the brand using that trade name) on any stamps I may purchase.

The whole answer is this: any substance (paper) which is made from an organic substance (wood or rag) MUST have air-breathing space. Its being confined with virtually no breathing space, well make your own conclusions.

I have found, however, that a cellulose acetate interleaf is by far the best possible thing to use in the case of stamps. That type put out by the Eastman Kodak Co. being the best to date (and I'm not getting paid for that plug).

An interleaf only protects the stamps under its face from "manhandling" and still permits air to reach the stamps to give it life.

As for gum under these conditions, original or otherwise, you know as well as I do that gum under heat, humidity or water is soluble, dissolves and becomes eventually sticky—as a matter of fact, that's what it's supposed to do—that's why they put it on the back of stamps.

Now, to get to what I'm driving at—and in collaboration with Mr. Herman Herst, Jr. statement in the December 26, 1946 issue of your "weekly"—try some evening when you retire, pulling your sheets and blankets over your head for a few minutes and notice the heat that is produced, but don't first claim that it all comes from 'body heat', that's wrong. The reason is through the loss of oxygen in the air you breathe—this loss permitting the small amount of hydrogen in the air to do its work. With the loss of oxygen the hydrogen mounts in proportion and with that small amount of heat from your body already increases in density.

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corny but try it—it's true! And now, let's put two and two together and get a nice round four.

The loss of air produces heat—heat acts dissolving on the gum of stamps—therefore stamps (original gum or otherwise) in closed or semi-closed packages or mounts will stick-on, yes, maybe not much but they do enough for some slick dealer to chop off a few per cent, thus making these stamps a little undesirable.

To make the subject even worse, I have discussed this fact and others regarding rotting with other collectors and dealers and believe it or not have met with astounding results. One dealer had nerve enough to sneer and say that these facts would help to keep him in business in the future. Well, for example—at the present time there aren't enough five-buck Columbians to go around now—what about when they start in to rot—as if some haven't already!

Maybe these facts won't hold true within our short span of life but try looking ahead to 2547 A. D.—the five-buck Columbian may only be a picture in a catalogue and the three cent Presidential a rarity.

Personally, my collection or rather most of it, including XX century is ungummed already and the rest eventually will be and I don't use any more than a Dennison peelable hinge, either.

Furthermore, are we of this 'hobby of kings' entering the renowned art of "gum collecting"?

Now you tell me—shouldn't we look at the face of the stamp and the kind of paper its printed on—also regarding whether its watermarked or not and if so with which watermark? Shouldn't we also look at a stamp in regard to its connection toward completion of a series, a set, a sequence and with the issues that precede and follow it?

After all, a collection whether it be stamps or cigar butts smoked by famous people is only as valuable as it is complete, gum or no gum—cigar bands or no bands, isn't it? or isn't it?

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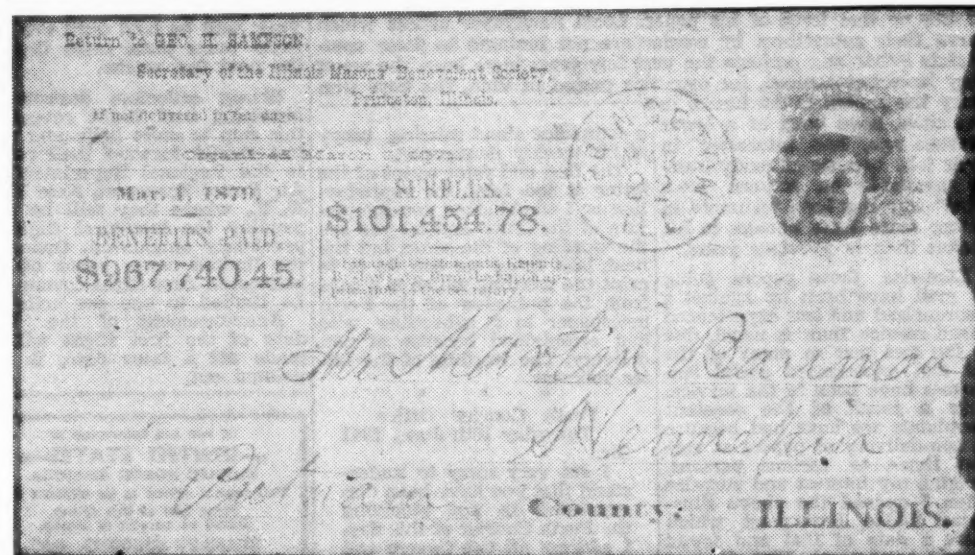
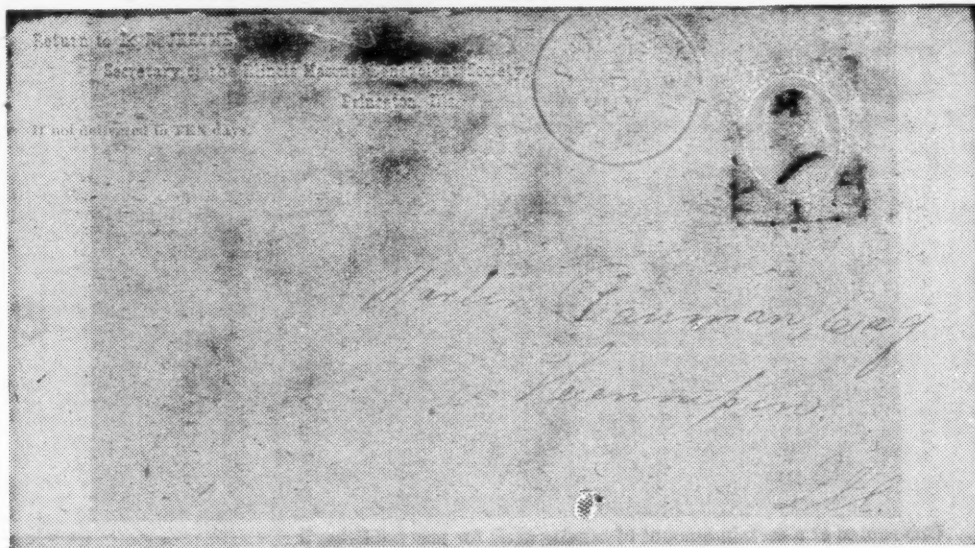
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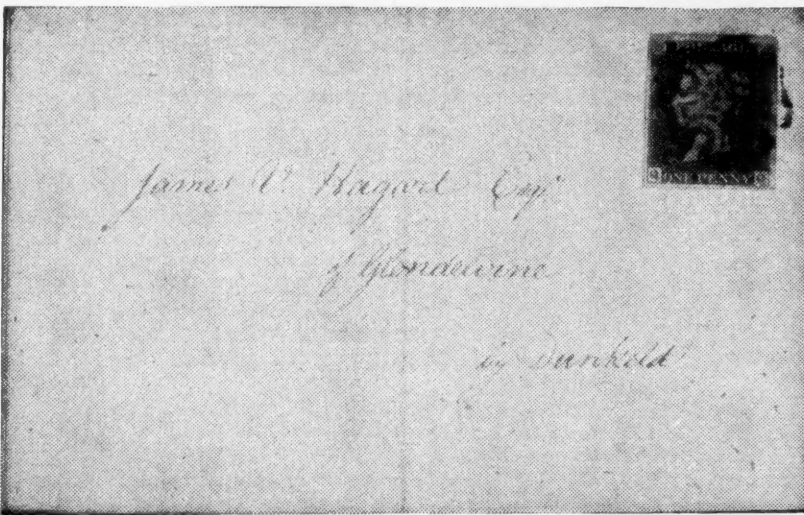
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....One source of a certain amount of regular mail for any publisher is the never ceasing complaints from readers about the non-delivery of this or that issue of his paper. Local newspaper offices which serve their subscribers by carrier are not immune to these complaints either and perhaps the past few years have been the worst they have experienced, for over this period of time, the boys who carry the papers to the homes in the cities have been of a lower average age, less interested in their jobs because of ready money available on request from "dad" who has been fortunate in having more loose change in his pocket than in previous years.

Likewise, those papers going by mail have been up against a disorganized and less experienced postal service than is usual, due to the fact that so many of the old and experienced postal employees have been in the service.

As a result of the constant complaints we have had because of non-delivery of papers at various times, to various persons, imagine my interest and surprise when I opened the above illustrated folded lettersheet which bears a date of 1841 and found to my amazement that it was from a British Newspaper, published in Perth, and was in reply to a subscriber who had made

a complaint about missing acopy of his weekly newspaper.

The fine and faint script of the letter is too faint for reproduction or I would show you the picture of the letter and let you see the wording of the same, but the next best thing we can do is to print the wording which is a note from the publisher of the Perth newspaper to a subscriber who had complained because of non delivery. The wording of the letter follows:

Perth Courier Office

Thursday 10th June, 1841

Sir,

I am very sorry to understand that you have been disappointed in not receiving the Perth Courier of this day. I address all the Covers and I feel satisfied that I did address one for you, and if I did, the fault must be with the Dunkeld Post Office, as I am told the parcels are not untied in the Perth Post Office, but are forwarded just as they receive them.

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Sir
Your ob serv,
O. B. Morison.

To me, this is an unusually interesting old letter and one that reminds me that things in those days were to some extent, just as we find them today.

By Geo. W. Linn

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The Post Office Department announced today that as a result of the postponement of the first ship to shore helicopter mail test which was occasioned by bad weather on the North Atlantic, first flight covers which were received by the Regional Superintendent, Air Transport, at New York, will be held until the first flight takes place some time in the next few weeks.

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A REVIEW

"American Letter Express Company, Louisville and Nashville, 1861", by Edward Brooks, Published by the Standard Printing Co., Inc., of Louisville, Ky., 1946. Obtainable at \$1.50 from the author, Edward Brooks, 2116 Barringer Ave., Louisville, Ky.

One of the best tests of the popularity of a field is the literature that springs up about it. The popular and fascinating field of Confederate States stamps and philatelic history has long had its own literature, thanks to the works of the venerable August Dietz who pioneered, and dozens of others who followed. The research that has brought into print the great number of valuable works in the past few years, however, brings ample

evidence of the esteem in which the matter of Confederate postal history is held.

Among the newest appearances is this slim volume by Edward Brooks. Although slim, it nevertheless holds between its covers a story that is graphically told and which fills in some of the gaps about which philatelists have wondered in those exciting days in the Spring and Summer of 1861 when the early days of war brought such confusion to our postal system.

One of the finest sources for material from early days is the contemporary press, and Mr. Brooks has carefully studied the chronicles of Kentucky and Tennessee newspapers for facts and happenings and announcements bearing on the carrying of mail between North and South in the short period between the discontinuance of Federal mails, and the forbidding of any carrying of letters between the seceded States and the Loyal. The result is a study that can be regarded as factual, without guess-work, without supposition, and without incorrect conclusions.

The reproduction of some of the covers bearing the markings described in the text, and photos of the original Express Company announcements lend considerable philatelic significance to the volume. If the reader does not think that newspaper reports can make interesting reading, he should get a copy of this book, and see how they can bring to life a story that for sheet interest has no equal in the fascinating story of how mails were carried during the period of our nation's greatest crisis.

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MASONIC COVER

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lin is the earlier of the two covers.

On this 1c cover we find the corner card reading "Return to L. R. JEROME, Secretary of the Illinois Masons' Benevolent Society, Princeton, Ill." and with an additional line "If not delivered in ten days." The cancellation is the usual circle with "PRINCETON" at top and "ILL." at bottom, with the date "6/JUN" in two lines in the center, no year date.

There is no other printing on the cover as on the upper cover which bears the 6c stamp.

On the cover with the 6c stamp we find a different name for that of Secretary of the Illinois Masons' Benevolent Society. This cover bears an inscription in four lines in the identical style of type and in the identical arrangement, of the cover with the 1c stamp, but the name of the secretary is given as "GEO. H. SAMPSON" instead of "L. R. JEROME" indicating a change since the first cover was used.

We learn also from the printing on the upper cover that the Society was "Organized March 9, 1871." This information is included in a small oblong ruled box, above the two boxes at the left side of the cover. Proof to indicate that the large "79" cancel

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over the stamp is given on the face of this cover is the year date, is evidenced by the inscription in the box at the left side of the envelope, for here we see the date "Mar. 1, 1879," and below this line, separated by an ornamental dash we note the words "BENEFITS PAID, \$967,740.45" in two lines. This therefore links the date in which the envelopes were printed and used with the cancel on the stamp. The matter in the right hand box on the cover merely gives figure as to the Surplus funds of the Society and other information of no value in coming to any conclusion as to the year date.

It is interesting to note also that the cover with the 6c stamp bears the same form of circle with "PRINCETON" at top and "ILL." at bottom, but that the postmaster has reversed the day of month and the name of the month by having the cancel read "MAR. 22." The latter appears to be the same circular cancellation, but worn to such an extent that the letters appear a bit larger than in the earlier cancel where all letters are neat and exact.

It would be interesting to know if the postmaster at Princeton, Ill., has used other year date cancels similar to this "79" in other years, either prior to or after 1879, the date of this cancel.

Meteoric Rise Of
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The well-known Swiss postage stamp dealers Ernest Mueller Ltd., Freistrasse 77, Basle, Switzerland, are celebrating their 25th anniversary on January 1947.

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When 23 years old Mueller already had a staff of 10 employees all being older than he himself.

In due time the first international auction was held and at the same time the first issue of the "Dove of Basle" and the special catalogue of Switzerland came out.

In 1938 the popular albums Switzerland-Liechtenstein were published followed by the Swiss Soldiers Stamp-Album, which all were in great favour of the collectors.

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We are reminded of this fact by an announcement in the Wichita Beacon, wherein the newspaper man who wrote the story of the coming S. P. A. Convention to be held this fall in Wichita, was lavish with throwing in extra cyphers.

The story as told by the scribe reports that 3500 philatelists are expected at Wichita, for this meet. The number will be nearer correct if we throw away the last cypher on the figure.

Further lavish use of the meaningless cypher, that is meaningless when it stands alone is the figure given for membership of the S. P. A. The newspaper boy again demonstrates his liberality by stating membership of the S. P. A. as 15,000. He would again have been nearer the figure if the last cypher was dropped.

Hugh L. Smiley was installed as president of the Wichita Club for this season. Plans for the convention are well under way and Lee H. Cornell, experienced philatelist and well known nationally, has been named as General Chairman. This alone means a successful meet for S. P. A. as Mr. Cornell is a highly capable man for a job of this nature.

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Now comes another variety less prominent, yet quite distinct and worthy of searching for, this too is on the 3 penny stamps and we are able to illustrate this new find, through the courtesy of Donald Smith of Windsor, Canada.

Mr. Smith submits us a photo of a block of four of these stamps and we illustrate two of them, the lower one showing the variety which we describe.

The airplane in the upper right corner of the stamp shows the top tail rudder with a complete outline, like an inverted letter "V". On other stamps in this block and on the normal stamp in sheets, this tail rudder shows only the front line of the rudder and the down stroke connecting it with the tail is not visible.

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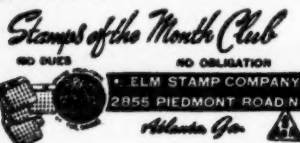
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In the past few weeks we have had several very wrathful complaints from subscribers who had sent orders to J. C. Rosenbaum of Montreal for copies of the 17c Canada Special Delivery with the wrong accent mark. These complaints were because the orders were not filled and remittance was returned. Naturally the complaints were wrathful that their orders had been returned and made all sorts of accusations against the dealer in question.

We addressed Mr. Rosenbaum and requested an explanation and we can best give that by quoting his own words.

January 20, 1947

Dear Mr. Linn:
"I will be glad to explain the situation regarding the 17c Spec. Del. with wrong accent."

"When my original ad appeared in your paper on Dec. 19th I had almost 3000 copies on hand which should have been enough under any normal circumstances. I was never more wrong in my life. Orders kept coming in at the rate of 40 to 100 per day until I almost dreaded to see the sight of the postman. On or about Jan. 5th my stock was exhausted and had to start sending refunds to hundreds of collectors, something I do not like to do."

"I certainly do not want to refuse any business neither am I working any racket. If you wish you can confirm from any of the following whether I made deliveries."

(At this point Mr. Rosenbaum lists several parties for whom orders were filled.)

"Just this past weekend I have purchased the same stamp which I sold at 28c for 50c each, and have changed my price accordingly. You can confirm this also if you wish. Mr. A. F. Brophy sold me 300 at his listed price for \$150.00."

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do not think I deserve some of the nasty and some downright insulting letters I have been getting lately."

"Just to prove that you cannot please everyone, I had one bright collector return a block at \$1.10 because he thought the price too high."

"I trust this letter will clear up the matter to your satisfaction. It seems there are very few honest to goodness collectors left. Most are speculators or bargain hunters. Otherwise why did most of them order the error, some in excessive quantities, but not the corrected stamp which I advertised at the same time."

There you have the explanation which is sound and reasonable and we know from past experience that such things happen. The indictment that Mr. Rosenbaum makes of collectors is a reasonable one and one that we have frequently pointed out.

Dealers might use a bit of better judgement in offering hot items like this. The object of advertising is to gain new names of possible future customers. Dealers would do well to consider such items when offered and to set a limit of one copy to a customer for such material. This would result in being able to fill more orders and to gain more names for the mailing list.

STAMP SHOW IN DETROIT

The Wayne Stamp Society of Detroit will hold its annual Stamp show in the St. Clair Recreation Center located at 4535 Fairview Avenue on February 15 and 16. There will be a bourse in connection with the show.

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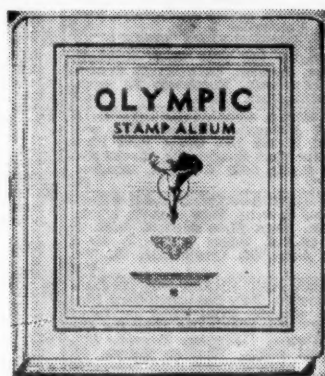
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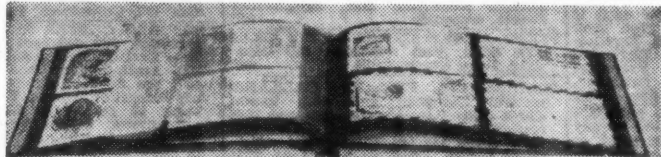
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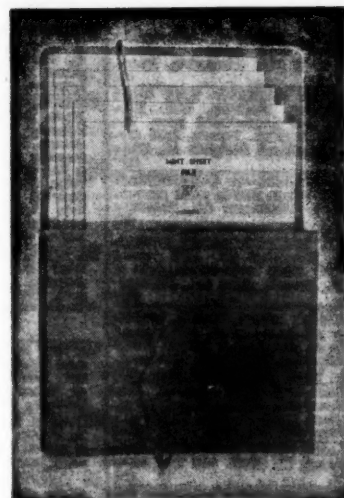
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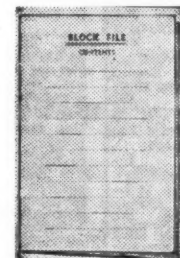
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Central Ohio Changes Date. Feeling that by holding the annual Spring Roundup so close to the opening date of the Big New York show the attendance would be retarded the club voted to move the dates forward one week. The dates as now announced are Saturday and Sunday, May 10th and 11th, 1947. The Blue Room at the Seneca Hotel has been engaged and there will be an Auction held Saturday Evening. A Dutch lunch is also planned.

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